

Town of Litchfield

Mosquito Control District



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Litchfield applies Barrier application to combat Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Litchfield, NH– Following the announcement that a mosquito pool in Litchfield tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), town officials are moving forward with plans to apply a barrier application of pesticides designed to act like a barrier for adult mosquitoes.

The application is being applied by professionals from Municipal Pest Services Inc., the company that is employed by the town. The application will be supervised by the Mosquito Control District as well as other town officials.

Barrier application for mosquitoes is being coordinated with Municipal Pest Services, the town contractor for the program. Application will commence September 9 at 7 PM the coordinated efforts between the school district and the town. Notification about application dates and locations is now being made available to the public. Postings at public facilities, as well as the town's website and cable channels are available.

The decision to keep the public informed of the application of barrier protection is one of several actions to prevent human infection.

Alfred Raccio, Litchfield Mosquito Control District Chairman, stated that keeping the citizens of our community as safe and informed as is practical at this point "areas that will be treated are all the public schools, town owned parks and municipal facilities such as the Library and Incinerator" said Raccio. "We have a strong partnership with the schools to share in the information and communication to the citizens of our community, as well as to promote disease prevention with residents."

In the meantime, residents are urged to take actions to protect against mosquito bites. Raccio stressed the importance of mosquito -proofing your home by removing standing water. "Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water," said Raccio. "Following heavy rain homeowner and businesses should empty water from buckets, cans, pool covers, and other items."

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Information about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and mosquito and barrier application will be posted on the town web site and Litchfield Cable channels. For more information, contact the Litchfield Public Health at 603 424-4046 or the Mosquito Control District.

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